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11. (U) Post delivered reftel demarche via dipnote to Malaysia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) with info copy to Ministry of Transportation (MOT) on November 18.

12. (U) Ministry of Transportation Deputy Under Secretary Mohd Saiful Ridwan told EconOff that Malaysia would carefully consider the request for support for the U.S. candidacy to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) council in Category "A," but would not be able to commit at this time.

13. (U) Saiful noted that Malaysia's delegation will be led by Minister of Transportation Ong Tee Keat. He suggested that the U.S. delegation contact Malaysia's delegation in London if the U.S. side wishes to discuss the candidacy further.

KEITH